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S A N F E L I X I S.

San Felix island is volcanic in origin and straddle the 80th parallel about 540 miles west of Chile in the Pacific Ocean.

There is no vegetation, water or inhabitants except for military. The local fishermen from Chile do (or did) occasionally fish for lobster in the area.

There are some of you who may remember the W4s who had a total amateur operation from the island in 1965. I think this was the first stand alone amateur operation.

The credit for the present amateur operation goes to the RADIO CLUB of CHILE. This is the first one in many years and it took place only because of the determination of the total effort of the club members. For many years it was known to be impossible for an operation there, by any group from any country. It is characteristic of the Chilean Club to overcome difficulties in one way or another.

Due to the Chilean Navy having an antenna farm on the island, for whatever reason, no civilians are allowed there. Patrico Hernandez, CE3GN, along with the other members found an alternative to the ever present problem that appeared to be the end of amateur operation on San Felix. First they convinced the Chilean Navy as to the importance for an operation from the island. The next step is the best.. They convinced or had them to agree to pick two Navy radiomen that had amateur license, that could be transferred on a short term basis to the island and to allow 99% of their time to be used for amateur operations..... These men should have time for training in proper amateur procedures before they were shipped over. The Navy as you know now, agreed. If this isn't the pinnacle of achievement, what is ?

If you aren't convinced of the need for the operation, you haven't listened to the

pileups.

The club is doing a grand job of moving the operators around so everyone will have a chance. They are the liaison for them due to a language problem.

The operators are Maximo Garrido, CE9DVN, and Fernando Estuardo, CE2GXY. Both of them are professional operators for the Navy and are attached to a medical unit.

The equipment consist of 2, TS830S w/vfo, 1, TS130, 1, portable generator, 1, tribander, inverted Vs for 40/80 and 2 hand keys...

A special post office bx was used so it would be easy to QSL and use only the call letters.

Last Friday Patrico was to have a meeting with the Dept of Navy to pick up the required documentation so it could be sent to the ARRL as proof.

The other members that spend so many hours on and off the air to keep this unit going is:

Free style CW, split, 1300-0500Z, 15 & 20
CE3BBW, CE3NR & CE3DPD, 1600-2200Z net
starts on 15 and then to 20
CE3ESS, 2300-0400Z INDEXA & Brown Sugar
net. 0400-0500Z for the JAs
CE3EEO, 0900-1000Z on 40
CE6COR & CE6EZ, 0815-1300Z on 80

Keep in mind that this operation is a joint operation by the Chilean Navy and the Radio Club of Chile. Without this cooperation which took seven (7) years, none of this would be possible. Also the Club is financially responsible from start to finish. I don't think I would like to pay the final cost myself.

Our sincere thanks to the Chileans for a job well done. W4WMQ

SIGNAL LOSS

The next time you replace or install a run of coax to your antenna, think about the type and length of the run. Here is why::

| coax loss db | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4½ | 6 | 8 | 10½ | 14 |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|
| pwr at antenna % | 90 | 80 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 |

MELLISH REEF

As you read in our last bulletin, there will be a major assault on Mellish Reef during the CQ WW Fone by six very dedicated ops. The group is being led by VK2WU, who is a super organizer and operator. BUT, this trip is going to cost a 'bunch of bucks'. While we sit home in our warm shacks and work these guys on all bands and modes... they'll be weathering the elements and paying the bills.

WE NEED HELP :: Please send a check for 'whatever' to KD4RH and he will tally-up and send a single check to VK2WU under the CDXA label. Pse hurry, so we can get the check into the mail before the guys depart... .

Tnx....Ted, WA4VCC

QSL sent & an extra large SASE. Some he can, so he can't but it is worth the try if you aren't getting anywhere on your own; FW8AF will have a tribander in Oct from INDEXA:: TL8GE/STØ will come back on the bands also with a tribander from INDEXA:::

Fellows, it is time to check ur towers for rust, vines, cracks, ground and coax before the nice days are gone::: W3HHG to BV soon?

Heard on 20..Had no antenna or room to put one on 80 meters but I did have a 40 ft dead tree out back. I cut all limbs off, wrapped it in tin foil held by wire, put a coil at the bottom and it works great 73 WMQ

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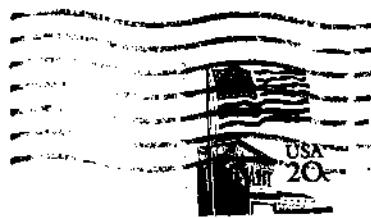
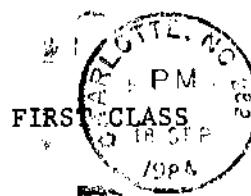
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NEED IRCs ?
We have taken on 1000 IRCs from ZL1AMO @ 35¢ each. This purchase will help Ron on his trip to FW8 in Oct. If you need IRCs, pse get in-touch with KD4RH. Ur cost is 35¢ each. We have 350 left... .



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